development of food processing industries in the State of Bihar.

Incentives to 'Mahua' based Food Processing Industries in Bihar

2775. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bihar is the ideal State for the establishment of 'Mahua' based food processing industries particularly for brewing beer and wine in View of availability of Mahua in abundance in the State; and

(b) if so, what incentives Government propose to give to the Mahua based food processing industries in the State of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Government is aware that mahua is available in the tribal areas of Bihar. However, beer and wine are not high priority industries and no incentives are given by the Government of India for setting up of these industries.

Delicence the foreign liquor industries

2776. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to minimise to delicence the foreign liquor industries in the country;

(b) what is the number of alcoholic distilleries in the country State-wise;

(c) whether Government are considering to bring a bill in parliament for total "prohibition" in the country under "directive Principles of State Policy" of Constitution of India;

(d) whether total "Prohibition" Act would effect adverse economic conditions of the people of the country, and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) There is no proposal to delicence the Indian Made Foreign Liquor Industry in the country.

(b) The information is beign collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Lifting of ban on Cultivation and Marketing of Kesari Dal

2777. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the latest scientific analysis of "Lakhodi" or "Kesari" dal indicating that the pulse is harmless and can be safely consumed with nutritional diet;

(b) whether a representation in this regard has also been received by Government from the Academy of Nutrition Improvement, Nagpur;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to review the question of lifting ban on the cultivation and marketing of Kesari Dal imposed in certain States like Maharashtra; Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu; Uttar Pradesh; Rajasthan and others; and

(d) if so, what is the decision taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) There ^s no proposal at

present to review the question of lifting the ban.

प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों का कार्यकरण

2778. डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन:
श्री वीरेन जे० शाह:

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में ग्रामीण स्वास्थ्य योजना के अंतर्गत लगभग 20,000 प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र स्थापना की गई है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि हाल ही में किए गए अध्ययन से यह पता चला है कि इन केन्द्रों में कई खामियां हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और किस-किस प्रकार की क्या-क्या खामियां हैं तथा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन केन्द्रों के संचालन पर वर्ष-वार कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इन खामियों को दूर करने के लिए कोई कार्यवाही की है; और यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द): (क) जी० हां, देश में 21012 प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र खोले गए हैं।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र का रख-रखाव राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों द्वारा किया जाता है। कम मात्रा में दवाइयों का उपलब्ध होना, लम्बे समय तक प्रतीक्षा, दूरी इत्यादि इन केन्द्रों की सेवाओं के कम इस्तेमाल होने के कुछ कारण हैं।

(घ) केन्द्र सरकार प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों में सेवाओं की गुणवत्ता में सुधार लाने के लिए राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को समय-समय पर दिशा-निर्देश जारी करती है।

Dangers Associated with Contact Lenses

2779. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that contact lenses can cause blindness if adequate care is not taken by the users according to ophthalmologists recently; and

(b) if, so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Severe infection caused by Unhygienic use of contact lenses can lead to blindness. Uers are advised about the need for proper care at the time of fitting the lenses and observance of precautions while using contact lenses.

Cases of AIDS in Gujarat

2780. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some symptoms of AIDS have been found in women in Gujarat and this diseases has teen spreading rapidly there;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any special measures to prevent the spread of this disease;

(d) what are the localities in Gujarat where the cases of AIDS have been found at present and what are the details in regard to the present position of each patient;

(e) whether Government have formulated any special plan in this regard; and

(f) if so, what are the full details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND